The Central Biological Control Station, Bhubaneswar has mass-reared potential parasites and predators and released 64 lakhs, 88 lakhs and 138 lakhs parasites and predators during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88, respectively. against rice stem borer and leaf folder, coconut black headed caterpillar, sugarcane borers and pyrilla and water hyacinth weed, thereby reducing the dependence on pesticides.

Cases under Employees' Provident Fund Act Pending in Bihar

440. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases under the Employees' Provident Fund Act are pending in Bihar causing hardships to the workers;

(b) if so, what is the number of such pending cases and the period of their pendency; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating formation of any Special Court in that State for early disposals of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of prosecution cases launched under the Employees' Provident Fund Act, which were pending in the Bihar Region as on 31 3.87 was 7,124, as per break up given below:—

	Less than 6 months	6 months to 1 yr.	1 to 2 yr.	2 yrs. and more	Total
Provident Fund	237	205	92	5184	5718
Family Pension	16	62	..	810	888
E.D.L.I.	140	30	66	282	518
TOTAL:	393	297	158	6276	7124

(c) Yes, Sir. The OBT, EP Fund have decided to set up a Special Court in Bihar, for trial of Provident Fund cases.

Allocation for Construction of Roads in Tribal Areas

441. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 6.50 crores were allotted during the 6th Five Year Plan for construction of rural roads in tribal areas;

(b) if so, what is the State-wise break-up; and

(c) the amount released so far to the States during the 7th Plan; and State-wise?

THE MINISTE OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Against the provision of Rs. 6.50 crores in the Sixth Plan, 8 States were sanctioned works costing Rs. 13.54 crores and an amount of Rs. 4.0 crores was actually released to them base on their requirement of funds. No allocation of funds as such was made

During VIIth Plan period, works costing Rs. 3.12 crores were also sanctioned to some additional States which were not sanctioned any works earlier. A Statement showing the cost of the works sanctioned and the funds released to the States (State-wise) during the Sixth Plan and the Seventh Plan so far (1985-86) is attached.

Statement

Development of Roads in Tribal Areas-cost of Works sanctioned and funds released

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	Cost of works sanctioned	Funds released	
			6th Plan	1985-88
1	Bihar	133.27	32.80	48.00
2	Gujarat	143.00	30.00	82.34
3	Himachal Pradesh	100.37	51.33	45.15
4	Madhya Pradesh	428.45	148.30	214.90
5	Manipur	256.2	40.00	146.87
6	Orissa	196 44	61.00	120.630
7	Rajasthan	51 26	33 57	17 70
8	Tamil Nadu	45 00	3.00	40.72
	TOTAL (A)	1353 91	400.00	716.31
1	Andhra Pradesh	73 70	..	63.33
2	Assam	20 00	..	10.45
3	Karnataka	55 86	..	29.12
4	Kerala	13 50	..	6.98
5	Maharashtra	69.99	..	22 00
6	Rajasthan	35.85	..	27 83
7	Sikkim	10 50	..	10.50
8	Tripura	13 44	..	7.16
9	West Bengal	18 99	..	4 60
	TOTAL (B)	311 83	..	181.97
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B)	1665.74	400 00	898 28